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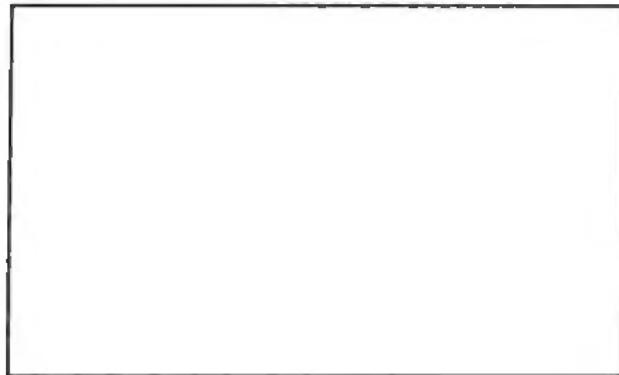
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Sri Satguru Ram Singh Ji in a bungalow at Rangoon



**Eager to have a glimpse of Satguru Ram Singh Ji, is Sant Mihaan Singh
Rangoon (Burma) trying to cross over a barricade despite strict vigil of
the sentinels guarding the site**

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CODE OF CONDUCT

Patshahi 12th
Ek-Om-Kar Satguru Parsad

Satguru Ram Singh addresses from Bhaini Sahib to the entire Khalsa Community with greetings “*Whah-i- Guru Ji Ka Khalsa Wah-i-Guru Ji Ki Fateh*”.

This *Rehatnama* (Code of Conduct) has been written for the entire congregation from Bhaini. Before the break of dawn you should go out in the open fields for toilet, after taking off your clothes, cleaning-up your pot twice , cleaning your teeth before taking bath and reading *baani* and learning it by heart if not done earlier. All men and women must observe this. They should learn by heart the *Shabad Hazaay* of *Japuji Sahib* and *Jaap Sahib*. *Rehraas*, *Aarti* and *Kirtan Sohila* must be learnt by heart and all should observe patience and endurance. They should remember the true Lord day and night. The other's daughter or sister must be considered as your own. The guru has already written about other's right as, *Haq paraaya Nanaka Us Sooar Us Gaaye* (to impinge into the rights of others is like pig or cow for Muslims and Hindus respectively). If someone does not perform *bhajan* after agreeing to do so, he will get a bad name in this world and elsewhere. Nobody should be uncourteous in verbal communication. You should try to forgive and build up tolerance against the disagreeable words spoken by others. You must try to forgive even if someone assaults you physically, for god is your protector. You should always try to conceal your goodness by not showing it off. You should arrange *diwan* and perform *kirtan* on a daily basis. In case you are to perform *jagg* (community feeding) then observe

purity in the kitchen. the utensils should be fresh and unused, and enter the cooking area after washing your feet. Perform *hawan* as well. first clean the place then use wood of *pal* or *ber* as fuel wood and do not blow in the *hawan* with your mouth. Recite *baani* from the *pothis* (books) of *chaupai*, *japu*, *jaap*, *chandi chrittra*, ; in the praise¹ of God Almighty the sixth man² should add *a hutis* (ingredients of *hawan*) while the seventh man³ should sprinkle water gently. Never allow any bad character to enter *diwan* at any place. If he is very bolshie's then perform the prayer that this should not be able to come there. Further, I am very modest and you should yourself understand what I mean. Everybody should pray to God with folded hands so that our religion should remain intact on sustainable basis. And all should maintain hair of the under arms. While changing pyjama, care should be observed that first one foot should be in a *pahuncha* while the other being removed from the second foot. Never hide misdeed of any one. Nobody should get money in lieu of a daughter and the girls should never be exchanged. Always remember the Guru. Shun the use of alcohol or meat and always keep fear of the Guru.

¹ Guru Hari Singh Ji had ordered to recite *banis* of *Chandi di Vaar* and *Uggardeti* while performing *hawan*

² He should recite *bhajan*

³ He should also recite *bhajan*

And the entire congregation be observing such a simplicity of life to take no notice of any vituperation unleashed by anyone.

-*Hukamnama No. 2*

God always takes the side of those who observe forgiveness and patience. The Guru has written down that

-*Hukamnama No. 2*

If you are in reality good then not a soul will ever complain me bad.

-*Hukamnama No. 2*

Therefore, Khalsa Ji, meditate and recite *baani* with strength of mind, early in the mornings. You should also perform bhogs of the Granth Sahib, as much as you can.

-*Hukamnama No. 3*

The *baani* encourages the development of intrinsic virtues in you. Thus, these are invaluable and can not be measured in terms of money.

-*Hukamnama No. 3*

It is after taking human birth that one can get benefit of recitation and the holy bath. Otherwise it is difficult to get these blessings.

-*Hukamnama No. 3*

The Guru's edict for us is to take full bath before early day break hours, recite *Gurbaani* and His Name. This doing is equivalent to the benefit of *Moti Daan* (invaluable offering).

-*Hukamnama No. 3*

Dear *Khalsa Ji*, Believe me, if you make a daily effort to learn one or two verses bit by bit , you will definitely be able to learn by heart a good deal of *Gurbaani*.

-*Hukamnama No. 3*

God will shower all comforts on those who read and recite *Gurbaani*. The occupation and sustenance will also do well.

-*Hukamnama No. 3*

Guru Ji says “ *Giani Dhyani guni dhanadh. Naam japat ghar ghar main aadh* ”. Those who recite the Name will face a row from a few people everywhere. Such people are under some curse and not anything is in their control.

-*Hukamnama No. 3*

And *Khalsa Ji* you must trust that the efforts of anyone who makes intense efforts to , recite His Name, take bath with religious devotion, perform *bhogs* of *gurbaani path*, will in no way go waste.

-*Hukamnama No. 3*

Khalsa Ji in case of demise of your family member or relative, you should not mourn or wail. Rather, as per your affordability you should proffer charity contribution, perform path, offer clothing and consecrated food to Sikhs while remaining within your means.

-Hukamnama No. 3

With scarf put round the neck, and with folded hands pray the Guru for the blessing of his precepts, trusted contentment, and charity of His Name.

-Hukamnama No. 3

You must, remaining within your means, offer free and voluntarily service to the beggar no matter he talks adversely behinds you.

-Hukamnama No. 3

Everyone gets his or her awards according to action. The back-biter and virtuous service giver will surely gets an appropriate award. You should live comfortably with all.

-Hukamnama No. 3

Don't keep any social contact with someone who kills the female child or exchanges the females. Don't allow him to enter the religious congregation.

-Hukamnama No. 4

Always make prayers before the Almighty God, who has the faculty of knowing others' minds, for He listens to all and is capable of bequeathing every good thing. Consider this avowal of mine as true.

-*Hukamnama No. 4*

According to the Guru's instructions, it is a good virtue to feed the hungry whosoever he or she may be.

-*Hukamnama No. 5*

After taking bath in the pre-dawn hours all, irrespective of gender, should recite *gurbaani*.

-*Hukamnama No. 10*

But you should trust my saying that my body is like time that the God Almighty has taken over.

-*Hukamnama No. 10*

All boys and girls should be literate. They must learn gurmukhi.

-*Hukamnama No. 12*

This should be made clear to all that one should neither offer nor accept the *jootha* food (contaminated by taste or touch). It can not be a *parsad* (communion blessing)

-*Hukamnama No. 12*

The pure *Prasad* is in fact complying with the directives of the Guru. Guru Ji has a great blessing in it

-*Hukamnama No. 12*

Everybody must watch it carefully. The person who reads is often flawed, it seems to me .

-*Hukamnama No. 12*

The girls and boys should be asked to meticulously perform *bhajan* everyone should learn *gurbani* by heart. They should read *baani*, perform paths of Guru Granth Sahib and take bath before the day break prior to perform *bhajan* .

-*Hukamnama No. 15*

No matter how much hard work and industry one puts in, one cannot flourish without *bhajan baani*. Otherwise he never feels contented and his greed remains alive.

-*Hukamnama No. 15*

And no one should kill the daughter, nobody should exchange girls. Those who either kill or exchange girls be out cast and never to accept food prepared by his hands or from his house. he should not be allowed to enter the *sangat* (congregation).

-*Hukamnama No. 20*

Don't accept money or material of some one. Never acquire any benefit by doing any excess against any one or through theft or stealing, not even a petty thing.

-*Hukamnama No. 20*

Always maintain poise even if somebody speaks unpleasant to you. You should not resort to altercation hastily.

-*Hukamnama No. 20*

Always seek (from God) to be gracious to bless even those who are ravenous without contentment and those who have turned astray.

-*Hukamnama No. 21*

Marriage should only be solemnized when girl is at least eighteen and boy twenty, not early.

-*Hukamnama No. 23*

Avoid accepting some one else's goods either by stealing, snatching or by malpractice. In case you find somewhat lying unclaimed, don't accept. Give it back to whom it belonged.

-*Hukamnama No. 28*

Not returning the debt is a greater sin than even stealing and snatching. Therefore, Khalsa Ji, try to surrender something that belongs to someone else. It is the greatest trust.

-*Hukamnama No. 28*

To kill a daughter is a grave sin than even killing of a cow. The swap over of girls and to accept any sum in lieu of a daughter is an offense. This will not guarantee fine spouse for her who may be old or unattractive.

-*Hukamnama No. 28*

There is ban of taking both meat and alcohol. It is a food for evil spirits. Whosoever will eat, his or her mentality will turn into wickedness.

-*Hukamnama No. 28*

His name is a source of great blessings. Wherever there will be His name, benevolence will prevail and malevolence will fly away. This I have written with the will of the Guru.

-*Hukamnama No. 33*

Mehar Singh, you utter that you are not able to learn *baani* by heart. Why is it so? In case you learn only two verses daily, even then you will be able to learn a good deal. Don't be lazy in reading and learning *baani*, you are young.

-*Hukamnama No. 35*

Now when somebody will approach me, he or she should write how much *baani* he or she had learnt. Everyone should clearly write the details.

-*Hukamnama No. 35*

Without *bhajan*, there are ailments and grieves in life.

-*Hukamnama No. 35*

Be soft to your workers. Don't make them overworked. Don't argue with them. In case you are nice to them they are sure to be more productive.

-*Hukamnama No. 35*

Though falsehood may be attractive to some, but they have no legs. Truth is great.

-*Hukamnama No. 43*

Don't deal with those who swap over girls, accept interest, sell daughters, and kills girls.

-*Hukamnama No. 44*

I have tried several means for being happy but did not succeed. Whenever I got happiness it was only from His Name. Therefore I advocate to one and all that recite His Name, He is but gracious.

-*Hukamnama No. 45*

All the comforts and happiness of earth and heaven lie in the teachings of the Guru. All the troubles are in headstrongness.

-*Hukamnama No. 53*

Manmatt (headstrongness) means that after reading *gurbani*, one pays no heed to the advice contained therein. In this way, one gets deviated from *gurbani* even.

-*Hukamnama No. 55*

Never nurture animosity with anyone. Don't bother if someone does it with you. One day, he or she will mend.

-Hukamnama No. 56

Remember and recite in the praise of God. He will take care of you. Even medicine does not produce its effect without His Name. For Sikhs the sharing of food and reciting His Name produce desirable effects.

-Hukamnama No. 57

Regarding, *Seet Parsaad* (blissful communion), it is my utterances. anyone who complies with it will get several comforts. One can't get any benefit from mal practice.

-Hukamnama No. 61

All troubles and dilemma will be curtailed. The recitation of His Name can eliminate all sorts of troubles like body ache, miscarriages, epilepsy, evil spirits and all others.

-Hukamnama No. 62

The Sikhism is but to imbibe the directive of the Guru. Without a Guru one can neither be a Sikh, nor a Sadhu, no matter how he dresses up or conducts. Without the Guru *Shabad* one can't achieve anything. All Holy Scriptures agree with this.

-Hukamnama No. 63

All the members of the family should endeavour to learn *baani* by heart. They should recite His Name and read. All should get up before dawn and take bath and at night should jointly recite *shabads*.

-Hukamnama No. 64

* "Hold a very strict and careful supervision over 'HAZRU' the headquarters of Guru Ram Singh's Sect and to watch carefully any sign of active correspondence going on, either by letter or otherwise."

**Lieutenant Governor
Punjab
8th June, 1863**

* "80,000 necklaces (*mala*) have been given away by Guru Ram Singh to a like number of admitted disciples."

**Secret Report by Captain Thulloch
Sialkot
27th October, 1866**

* "I see in the earlier papers that Ram Singh was looked upon as a Successor or actual embodiment of Guru Nanak, the Saint, he is now the representative of Govind, the Warrior."

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